

**REMARKS**

Attached is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed February 14, 2006.

The requisite Declaration is attached.

An Assignment and appropriate cover sheet are attached for recordation of the Assignment. Recordation and return of the recorded Assignment are requested.

The claims have been amended above, without prejudice, to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to reduce the filing fees. The claim amendments are based on the claims attached as Annexes to the IPER.

Attached is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in PCT/FR03/03665, dated December 13, 2002, as well as the English language translation of the Annexes.

The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

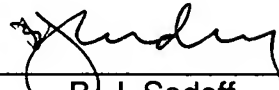
The above and attached are believed to be completely responsive to the attached Notification dated February 14, 2006. The Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

The specification has been amended above to include the attached 16 page translation of the originally-filed application. The amendments above incorporate into the originally-filed text amendments made with the submission of Amended Sheets 1, 1a and 1b attached to the IPER as Annexes. No new matter has been added.

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